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SUBJECT: CYPRUS

1. AMBASSADOR VLACHOS, KARAMANLIS' TOP FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER DURING MAVROS' ABSENCE, VISITED ME AT RESIDENCE JULY 26 EVENING AT HIS REQUEST TO UNDERLINE ONCE AGAIN SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION IN WHICH GREECE FINDS ITSELF. HE TOLD ME SECY HAD JUST TALKED TO KARAMANLIS AND LATER HAD MADE PLAIN HIS POSITION. HE PLEADED FOR U.S. ACTION TO STOP TURKS CONTINUED VIOLATION OF CEASE-FIRE. I REPLIED THAT I APPRECIATED THEIR DILEMMA BUT THERE WAS NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE TO PATIENCE, DISCUSSION AND NEGOTIATION. THE U.S. HAD TO RECONCILE ALL OF OUR INTERESTS IN THIS AREA AND TURKEY AN IMPORTANT NATO ALLY WHOSE CONTRIBUTION ALSO DIRECTLY IMPORTANT GREEK SECURITY. WE WERE IN FACT DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE CEASE-FIRE EFFECTIVE. I REMINDED HIM ONCE AGAIN THAT GREEKS STARTED THIS WAR AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO SHOW PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAD SHOWN IN GREAT MEASURE IN RECENT DAYS REGARDING THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. HE NOTED KARAMANLIS PROBLEM IN DEALING WITH CYPRUS CRISIS MADE MORE DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF DELICATE BALANCE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE KARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT AND THE MILITARY. HE REITERATED USUAL

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GREEK POINTS OF PHILOTIMO AND COMPARED PRESENT SITUATION

WITH 1940.

2. VLACHOS SAID THAT IN FIRST HOURS OF THE KARAMANLIS
GOVERNMENT, IT WAS FELT ECEVIT GOVERNMENT WAS SINCERE AND
THE OPPORTUNITY FOR GREEK-TURKISH COOPERATION GREAT. NOW
THIS SENTIMENT WAS BEING SUPPLANTED BY FEELING ECEVIT
GOVERNMENT PLAYING A DOUBLE GAME WITH GREEKS AND NOT SINCERE.
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